

STATE OF MAINE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2000-338

May 1, 2000

MID-MAINE TELECOM  
Tariff Revision To Reflect Creation of a new  
Old Town Rural Exchange (Requested for Effect  
on Less than Statutory Notice)

ORDER APPROVING  
SCHEDULES  
**(CORRECTED)**

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

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In this Order, we approve a filing by Mid-Maine Telecom to create a new telephone exchange in compliance with a previous Commission Order.

On December 18, 1996 in Docket No. 96-762, we approved changes to calling area structures and rates of Mid-Maine Telecom, Inc. *Mid-Maine Telecom, Inc., Proposed Schedule Revisions to Establish a Calling Plan for Subscribers in Greenbush Zone of West Enfield Exchange and to Increase Basic Rates for Mid-Maine Telecom Customers*, Docket No. 96-762, Order Approving (Dec. 18, 1996). In that proceeding, we approved a plan of Mid-Maine Telecom, Inc. (Mid-Maine) to expand the local calling capability of the Greenbush area of Mid-Maine's West Enfield telephone exchange ("the Greenbush plan"), approved increased Basic Service Calling Area rates for all Mid-Maine customers, granted a requested waiver of Chapter 204 related to notice to Plymouth exchange customers, and allowed certain tariff revisions filed by Mid-Maine to take effect on January 1, 1997. The Greenbush plan proposed the creation of a new telephone exchange (the Old Town Rural exchange) for approximately 135 Mid-Maine customers served by the West Enfield exchange.

On April 13, 2000, Mid-Maine filed proposed revisions to Section 4, Original Sheets 1A through 1E of its Schedules of Rates, Tolls & Charges and Terms & Conditions for Intrastate Telephone Services Within the State of Maine. Those revisions consist of revisions to Mid-Maine's exchange boundary map sheets. Mid-Maine stated that the purpose of its filing was to replace exchange maps with updated maps, and to reflect "the creation of a new exchange, the Old Town Rural exchange, out of a portion of the West Enfield exchange, in accordance with the Commission's Order in Docket No. 96-762." Mid-Maine stated that its proposed revisions "reflect no new information not already approved by the Commission," and accordingly requested that its filing "be allowed to become effective immediately upon less than statutory notice."

We have reviewed Mid-Maine's filing in this proceeding and conclude that it meets the intent of our December 18, 1996 order in Docket No. 96-762. We thus find that grounds exist for us to approve the filing on less than statutory notice.

Accordingly, we:

1. approve the following proposed schedules consisting of exchange boundary maps filed by Mid-Maine Telecom, Inc. on April 13, 2000:

Section 4, Sheet 1A, Original, Alton Exchange  
Section 4, Sheet 1B, Original, Levant Exchange  
Section 4, Sheet 1C, Original, Old Town Rural Exchange  
Section 4, Sheet 1D, Original, Plymouth Exchange  
Section 4, Sheet 1E, Original, West Enfield Exchange

2. order that these schedules are effective on April 27, 2000.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 1st day of May, 2000.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Raymond J. Robichaud  
Acting Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch  
Nugent  
Diamond